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Matzen

1. The SMV now has a total of 13 drill rigs and 32 derricks in the Matzen oil fields. All of this equipment is of U.S. and British origin. Drill rigs are operating at Matzen wells No. 9, 11, and 13 and two new rigs are being installed at a site between Matzen well No. 13 and the road where, according to two SMV geologists, Korniyev and Pavlenko, there is a fairly rich oil vein. SMV policy requires that drilling projects be abandoned unless drillings reveal the presence of a minimum of 31.33 percent oil.

Aderklaa

2. At the present time, Aderklaa well No. 9 is the SMV's most productive well; it has a daily output of 250 tons of oil, of which a maximum of 40 percent is pure gasoline.* Eleven drill rigs and 18 derricks are now set up in the Aderklaa oil field area.

Muehlberg and Neusiedl

3. According to Engr. Nussbaumer, a skilled technician employed in the SMV's Karandage section (sic), SMV officials are dissatisfied with the current output of the Muehlberg and Neusiedl fields. Nussbaumer states that drillings at Muehlberg and Neusiedl are now being carried to a depth of 1,800 to 3,000 meters although repeated exploratory test drillings have indicated that oil-bearing strata in these fields have a maximum oil content of 25 percent.

Recent Deliveries to the SMV Central Warehouse

4. The following items were delivered to the SMV Central Warehouse in Neusiedl during the first week of February 1950:

6 carloads of sawed timber from Holzbauwerk Franz Havlicek.

10 carloads of cement from K. J. Baldauf

6 carloads of 7/8 inch pump rods from Lannesmann-Trauzl A.G., of which 2 carloads were sent to Matzen.

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11 carloads containing two drilling installations (Bohranlagen).

1 carload containing 385 meters of 10 3/4 inch drill pipe, weighing a total of 27,570 kilograms, from Germany.

1 carload containing 1,173 meters of 3-inch suction pump tubing (Steigröhre).

1 carload containing 850 meters of 6 5/8 inch drill pipe from Germany.

1 carload of Diesel motors, having a net weight of nine tons, were shipped from the USSR and delivered to the SMV by USIA's Central Commercial Bureau.

19 carloads of special petroleum from the Voessendorf refinery.

SMV Purchases

5. During the first week of February 1950, the SMV Purchasing Office made cash payments for the following purchases:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Item Purchased</u>	<u>Payment in Schillings</u>
Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Carl Turnwald	Brake fluid	3,600.00
Holzbaupwerk Franz Havlicek	Lumber	52,971.10
Guido Rütgers	Impregnating material	11,211.20
K. J. Baldauf	Building materials	24,771.00
Kellner & Kunz	Tools	9,725.82
Ing. Neumann	GM jets (Düsen)	1,550.00
Bleicher, Vienna III, Hietzinger- kai 101	Tiefladeanhänger (sic)	35,000.00
Kern & Co., Vienna I, Neutor- gasse 17	Boiler pipes	20,429.75
Uher & Co.	Ampere meters	8,336.00
"Canada" Tiefbohrgeräte und Maschinenfabrik G.m.b.H.	Drilling equipment	11,965.00
Mannesmann-Trauzl A.G.	Steel pipe	1,484.15
"Chemis" Chemikalien G.m.b.H.	Caustic soda	12,585.38
Ferdinand Bügler	Electrical material	1,656.85
Josef Altschul	Electrical material	8,823.79
Donau Chemie A.G.	Payment on account	100,000.00

Housing at Matzen

6. Workers billets in the Matzen area are crudely constructed, poorly furnished, inadequately heated, and unsanitary. Most of the workers live in temporary barracks which are about 4 x 3 meters.

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* Comment: According to a recent report during January and February 1950 the daily output of Aderklaa well No. 9 averaged 150 tons of oil; the gasoline content was 47 percent.

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